

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12, 15, 16, 18 to 21, 23 to 35 are pending in the present application.

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 30 to 35 have been added. These claims correspond to the subject matter of claims 6 to 11.

The Office Action has stated that a restriction to either Group I (claims 1 to 12, 16, and 18 to 29) or Group II (claim 15) is required. Applicants elect Group I. Applicants elect Species B (claims 2 to 4, 6, 7, 16, 19, and 30 to 35) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Office Action has stated that claim 1 is currently generic.

Please cancel claim 15, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute this claim to allowance by the filing of one or more continuation or divisional applications.

The Office Action has stated that there is no figure that shows "different height, different shape, different tilt and different orientation" as claim 10 cited. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 recites "the features are at least one" of the above. Features of different height are illustrated in Figures 10 and 12. Features of different shape are illustrated in Figure 10. Features of different tilt are illustrated in Figure 11. Features of different orientation are illustrated in Figures 9 and 12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 is fully supported by the drawings.

The Office Action has stated that there is no figure that shows a tilt angle and orientation of the posts that are uniform throughout the device as claim 11 cited. Applicants respectfully submit that posts with uniform tilt angle and orientation are described with reference to Figure 2 at page 15, lines 5 to 6, which states "[b]y tilting the

posts along one of the diagonals...it is possible to favour that alignment direction." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is fully supported by the specification.

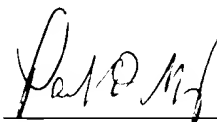
Claim 12 has been amended to clarify that the surface alignment structure is provided on a substrate.

The Office Action has stated that there is no figure that shows "the inner surface of the second cell wall is treated to produce at least one of a locally planar or tilted planar alignment of the liquid crystal material substantially at right angles to the alignment direction on the first cell wall, whereby the cell functions in a TN mode" as in claim 4. Applicants respectfully submit that this is clearly described at page 18, line 34 to page 19, line 2, which states "[b]y providing a different planar alignment on the second cell wall, which could also be posts, other display modes could also be used, for example TN. Page 2, lines 7 to 13 describes a cell that functions in a TN mode to include "the inner surface of each wall is treated to produce a planar unidirectional alignment of the nematic director, with the alignment directions being at 90° to each other. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 is fully supported by the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing election is responsive to the restriction requirement as set forth in the Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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